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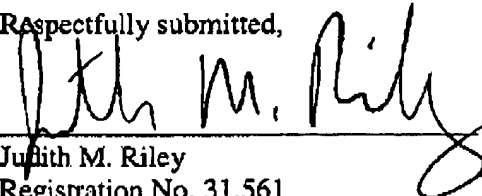
**REMARKS**

The sole purpose of the proposed amendment is to put the claims in condition for allowance. The examiner has already allowed claims 47-63. Claims 36-46 stand finally rejected, but Applicant proposes to cancel all of them and put the entire case in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to enter the proposed amendment so that the application can proceed on to allowance and issuance.

Should the examiner have any questions or comments, Applicant respectfully requests him to contact the undersigned attorney at the office number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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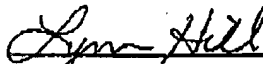
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